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Spring Cleaning On Viaducts - UPDATE

The City of South Bend announced today that Phase I of the plan to upgrade the Main and Michigan St. viaducts at Bronson St. is now scheduled to begin on Wednesday, May 23, 2007.

The contractor, Spanos Painting, is now moving equipment into the work area.

- Crews will first work on the Michigan St. segment of the viaduct. They will work east to west to complete the sandblasting and painting. For most of the process, traffic will be restricted to two lanes in the work area. (See map attached for initial traffic restrictions).
 - Access to Bronson from Michigan St. will be closed beginning Wednesday, May 23 through Wednesday, May 30, weather permitting, while crews work on the east side of the span.
- Crews are expected to begin working on the Main St. segment on Thursday, May 31, weather permitting, and will work concurrently with the Michigan St. crews. Again, they will work east to west on sandblasting and painting.

Access to businesses in the area will be maintained at all times. To lessen the impact on downtown traffic, some of the work will be accomplished on nights and weekends during lighter traffic, weather permitting. Throughout the project, the viaducts will be shrouded with tarps to protect passing traffic from debris or paint.

Some delays may be expected during rush hours. To avoid any possible delays, using an

alternate route is recommended including Lafayette Blvd., which is now two-way from Indiana Avenue north to Western. Motorists are reminded to observe all signage and to use caution when driving through the restricted area. The City reminds motorists that this is a Work Zone area and to please use caution to ensure safety of the crews working in the construction area.

The viaduct renovation project is the latest effort in the City's ongoing campaign to revitalize downtown South Bend and to set the stage for new or expanding economic and downtown-residential development.

This information is also available online at www.southbendin.gov/traffic.